City of Lafayette Staff Report

To: City Council

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Subject: 2009 Surface Seal Project
Award of Contract for Project Number 014-9673

Introduction

The 2008/2009 Capital Improvement Program includes the 2009 Surface Seal Project. This project includes spot pavement repairs, rubberized chip seal, and slurry seal work on Stanley Boulevard, Camino Diablo and Moraga Road. Staff is seeking City Council action to award the construction contract to the lowest bidder, in the amount of $326,500.10.

Discussion

The City received the following four bids for this project. The low bid is $326,500.10, 18% lower than the engineer's estimate, and within 3% of the next lowest bidder.

Contractor	Bid
1. Graham Contractors	$326,500.10
2. California Pavement Maintenance	$336,517.41
3. International Surfacing	$350,722.46
4. Bond Blacktop	$369,985.03
Engineer's Estimate	**$400,000.00**

Staff applied for and received a grant from the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) in the amount of $35,000 as an incentive to use recycled rubber tires in the chip seal material.

Budget Status

2008/2009 General Fund Allocation	$	405,000
CIWMB Grant	$	35,000
Design		By Staff
Bidding	< $	300 >
Funds Available for Construction	$	439,700

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Low Bid	< $	326,500.10 >
Construction Contingency (10%)	< $	33,000 >
Construction Inspection		By Staff
Projected Surplus	$	80,200

Fiscal Impact:

The low bid is within the project budget, and no additional fund allocation is needed.

The expected surplus will be carried in the capital account as a contingency against shortfalls in CIP revenue, such as the expected State theft of gas taxes. At the mid year budget adoption, staff would shown any unexpended contingency as a reserve for the 2011 CIP, consistent with the Council's expressed interest to establish such an account back in May.

Recommendation:

1. Adopt the project plans, specifications, and project details to conform to the Uniform Construction Accounting Act.

2. Award 2009 Surface Seal Project, Project Number 014-9673, construction contract to Graham Contractors in the amount of $326,500.10.